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ENP21F-G1181162/G3/LSG/R033-66 PATHET LAO CLAIM AMERICAN PILOT CAPTURED
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A PATHET LAO NEWS AGENCY BROADCASTT EMANATING FROM SAM NEUA ON 18 NOVEMBER, 1966 ADVISED TTHAT THE PILOT OF AN AMERICAN C-47 AIRCRAFT WAS CAPTURED IN SOUTH VIETNAM BY VIET CONG TROOPS AFTER PARACHUTING FROM HIS PLANE. THE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN FLYING A SUPPORT MISSION FOR AN UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN AIRBORNE BATTALION. THE COMMUNIST TROOPS INVOLVED WERE FROM A BATTALION COMMANDED BY A MAN DESCRIBED ONLY AS "COMRADE HOUANG". OTHER PERSONALITIES IN THE BATTALION WERE MANED THAN, NHOUK AND TOUNG. NO DATE WAS GIVEN FOR THE INCIDENT XXHH 180 NNNH

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